Reclamation Cost Estimate Energy Queen Mine

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1.0 Introduction

The Energy Queen Reclamation cost estimate utilizes reference materials including figures submitted with the Large Mine NOI, 2014 RS Means, Wheeler and Hertz Equipment Rental Costs, and the Caterpillar Performance Handbook, Edition 42 (Cat Handbook) to establish reclamation quantities and unit rates for the tasks described in the reclamation plan. A number of the smaller tasks were estimated on a lump sum basis based on quotes from local contractors or the company's experience on similar sites. Exploration drilling will continue to be bonded separately from the mining operations.

This reclamation cost estimate is designed to quantify the reclamation liability for the Energy Queen Mine

2.0 Reclamation Tasks

The reclamation tasks at the Energy Queen Mine include demolition of structures, grading, and revegetation. The methods used to estimate the reclamation costs for these tasks are described below. Mobilization and demobilization has been determined to have no cost since the Energy Queen Mine is with 50 Miles of Moab, which is the closest Wheeler Cat location.

2.1 Demolition of Structures

Demolition costs for the buildings and other structures are estimated for each mining area. The abandonment of buildings and infrastructure (e.g., culverts, septic systems) are estimated using RS Means, which provides unit costs for these activities based on data collected on similar projects. After finding the unit cost for a specific task, the unit cost is multiplied by the number of units for that activity. Larger items like the backfilling and capping of the ventilation shafts are estimated from the Cat Handbook equipment productivity for that task and the hourly cost to operate the machinery as well as the cost to purchase and install materials.

2.2 Grading

The grading category includes placing stockpiled ore back into the mine, , contouring the development rock areas, and grading the slopes to angles of 3 horizontal to 1 vertical (3H:1V) or less steep. The tasks in the grading category only require two types of equipment, a 1.5 CY Load Haul Dump (LHD) unit and a D-9 Track Dozer. The LHD is used for placing the ore back into the mine as well as placing a seal in the portal. A LHD is required as it is small enough to fit into the portal. The Dozer will be utilized for grading the site in preparation for final soil placement.

The costs for these tasks are based on the quantity of material needed to be moved, the hourly productivity and the hourly operating cost of the equipment selected. The hourly productivity is estimated based on the Cat Handbook, which provides productivity rates for various pieces of equipment at differing operating conditions. The hourly operating costs are based on the equipment hourly rental cost, hourly fuel and maintenance cost and the operator cost. The rental and fuel costs were obtained from Wheeler Equipment Company and Hertz Rental Company. Equipment productivity estimates and hourly equipment costs are summarized in the attachments at the end of this estimate. The operator hourly rate was estimated from Energy Fuels' internal fully burdened wage to its top miners. This rate was increased to account for taxes and profit that would be incurred by an independent contractor.

2.3 Revegetation

The revegetaion category includes (1) ripping the subgrade material in preparation for soil placement, (2) placing a soil cover over the development rock areas, mine yards, access roads, and vent shaft pads, and (3) seeding. The areas that require grading are not expected to be compacted and therefore do not need ripping. The costs for ripping and soil placement are based on the hourly equipment and labor costs and the quantity of material to be moved. A 966 Rubber Tire Loader and D-9 Track Dozer are utilized in the estimate for ripping and soil placement. The cost for seeding is based on a unit cost per area from RS Means multiplied by the quantity of area to be seeded. Access roads leading to the ventilation shafts were constructed prior to reclamation requirements and the reclamation of these roads are not the responsibility of Energy Fuels.

2.4 Project Indirect Costs

The project's indirect costs factors are provided by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. These factors were used to calculate the Contingency, Engineering Redesign, Main Office Expense, and project Management Fee. Details of the project indirect costs are shown on the Summary worksheet.

3.0 Summary

Energy Fuels estimates the reclamation cost (in \$2020) for the combined Energy Queen Mine is:

•	Demolition of Structures –	\$168,264
•	Regrading -	\$37,890
•	Revegetation -	\$112,862
•	Project Indirect Costs –	\$63,004
•	Total -	\$383,000

A detailed description and reclamation cost estimate is provided for each of the areas in the following attachments.

Energy Queen Mine
Reclamation Cost Workbook

Energy Queen Mine Bonding Calculations

Bond Amount (rounded to nearest \$1,000)

Direct Costs

Demolition of Structures Regrading	\$168,264 \$37,890	
Revegetation	\$112,862	
Subtotal Direct Costs	\$319,016	
Indirect Costs		
Mob/Demob	\$0	0.0%
Contingency	\$15,951	5.0%
Engineering Redesign	\$7,975	2.5%
Main Office Expense	\$21,693	6.8%
Project Management Fee	\$7,975	2.5%
Subtotal	\$53,595	16.8%
Total Cost 2015	\$372,611	
Escalation (0.5% every year for 5 years)	\$9,409	
Reclamation Cost Escalated to 2020	\$382,020	

\$383,000

Description: Support calculations for the reclamation cost estimate for the Energy Queen Mine

Task 1: Removal of Equipment and Materials

Assumptions

The office trailer and supplies will be sold, salvaged or reused. Cost for removing from the site are for transportation only. Mobile equipment will be sold from the site at no cost.

The headframe material will be salvaged at no cost after dismantled into shippable sizes.

Number of truck loads are an estimate.

Estimated cost per load = \$600

<u>Item</u>	Quantity	Truck Loads
Warehouse and Shop Supplies	N/A	1
Office Materials	N/A	1
Pond Liner	390	3
Mobile Office Trailer	2	2
Fencing	N/A	1
	Total	8

Task 2: Demolition of Concrete Pads

Assumptions

Concrete pads will be broken into manageable pieces and placed within the Waste Rock Area prior to final grading. RS Means reference 02 41 13 17 5300 was used to estimate the costs. \$19.80 per square yard.

Item	Quantity (sf)	Quantity (sy)	RS Means Reference	Unit Cost
Office / Dry (55' x 140')	7,700	856	02 41 13 17 5300	\$ 19.80
Compressor House (27' x 50')	1,350	150	02 41 13 17 5300	\$ 19.80
Water Treatment Building (21' x 27')	567	63	02 41 13 17 5300	\$ 19.80
Aux Hoist House (17' x 21')	357	40	02 41 13 17 5300	\$ 19.80

Task 3: Demolish Steel Buildings

Assumptions

Steel Buildings will be disassembled into manageable pieces and placed in the Waste Rock Area prior to final grading.

Lumber, furniture, carpet, and other non metallic debris will be hauled to a local landfill.

Potentially asbestos containing material (ACM) will be removed and hauled to Contract Environmental Solutions.

ACM Removal \$3.50/sq.ft. ACM Disposal \$0.30/ sq.ft.

RS means reference 13 05 05 50 0550 was used to estimate the costs. \$2.81 per square foot.

item	Quantity (sf)	RS Means Reference		Unit Cost	
Office / Dry w/ ACM(55' x 140')	7,700	13 05 05 50 0550	\$	6.61	
Compressor House (27' x 50')	1,350	13 05 05 50 0550	\$	2.81	
Water Treat. Building w/ ACM (21' x 27')	567	13 05 05 50 0550	\$	6.61	
Aux Hoist House (17' x 21')	357	13 05 05 50 0550	\$	2.81	

Task 4: Remove Tanks

Assumptions

Steel tanks will be removed from the site. RS means reference 13 05 05 75 0530 was used to estimate the costs. \$1,575 per tank.

<u>Item</u>	Quantity	RS Means Reference	Unit Cost		
Fuel Tank (EA)	3	13 05 05 75 0530	\$	1,575	
Compressed Air Tank (EA)	1	13 05 05 75 0530	\$	1,575	

Task 5: Removal of Septic System

Assumptions

The septic tank is a 2,000-gallon precast concrete tank. Broken material will be placed in the Waste Rock Area. Estimated excavation and backfill for the removal of the septic system is 55 cubic yards.

<u>Item</u>	Quantity	RS Means Reference		Unit Cost	
Septic Tank Removal (EA)	1	02 41 13 44 0300		395	
Distribution Box (EA)	1	02 41 13 44 1500	\$	57	
Leaching Chamber (EA)	1	02 41 13 44 1700	\$	266	
Leaching pit (EA)	1	02 41 13 44 2300	\$	495	
Excavation and Backfill (CY)	55	31 23 16 42 0305	\$	1.56	

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Task 6: Removal Pond Liner

Assumptions

Clean and Cut the pond liner into manageable pieces for disposal.

It is estimated that cleaning the pond line will take 2 laborers 1 day.

It is estimated that cutting the pond liner will take 2 laborers 3 days

Each crew member has a cost of \$72/hr.

Assumed 8-hour work days.

<u>Item</u>	Quantity		Unit Cost	
Clean the Liner	2	Estimate	\$ 576.00	
Cut the Liner	6	Estimate	\$ 576.00	

Task 7: Dismantle Head Frame

Assumptions

Costs associated with hauling off the head frame steel is accounted for in Removal of Mobile Equipment and Structures.

Crane rental estimated costs of \$3,000 per day including an operator.

A crew of 3 in addition to the operator will dismantle the head frame in 10 working days.

Each crew member has a cost of \$72/hr.

Assumed 8-hour work days.

<u>Item</u>	Quantity (day)	RS Means Reference Unit Cost	
Dismantle Head Frame Labor	30	Estimate \$ 576.0	00
Crane Rental (Days)	10	Estimate \$ 3,000.0	00
Total Unit Cost Per Day	10	Estimate \$ 4,728.0	00

Task 8: Seal Production and Vent Shafts

Assumptions

The 24-inch thick reinforced concrete cap will be approximately 14-feet in diameter to extend 1-foot past the shaft concrete liner. The 4' diameter ventilation raise will be closed by welding a 1/2" thick steel plate to the top of the vent raise steel liner.

<u>Item</u>	Quantity	Units	Reference	U	Init Cost
Install steel formwork capable of holding the 11.4 cy of wet concrete.	1	Each	Estimate	\$	5,000.00
Place 24-inches of reinforced concrete 4 feet below surface (CY)	11.4	CY	Estimate	\$	500.00
Seal 4' vent with steel plate	1	Each	Estimate	\$	500.00

Task 9: Abandon Monitoring Wells

Assumptions

Remove surface protective shroud.

Fill well casing with bentonite material.

Assumes 32 hours of labor to abandon all of the monitoring wells.

Hole Plug Material \$7.75 per bag.

Concrete Material \$4.10 per bag.

Place surface concrete pug up to 3 feet of the surface.

	Well		Hole plug required	Concrete
<u>Item</u>	Diameter (in)	Well Depth (ft)	(Bags)	Required (Bags)
HMW-1	4	30	2.62	2
HMW-2	4	47	4.10	2
HMW-3	4	47	4.10	2
HMW-4	4	48	4.19	2
HMW-5	4	38	3.31	2
MW-1	2	150	3.27	2
MW-2B	2	85	1.85	2
MW-3	2	87	1.90	2
MW-4	2	42	0.92	2
MW-5	2	90	1.96	2
Total			28.22	20.00

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Task 10: Site Regrade

Assumptions

Regrading will be accomplished with a D-9 sized dozer or similar.

Regrading volume is based on pushing down the waste rock slope from 2H:1V to 3H:1V along a 1000' length. The height of the slope is approximately 15 feet. The regrade volume is 28 cubic feet per foot of slope length, totaling 1037 cubic yards.

Placing ore back into the shaft will be accomplished with a 966 loader.

Regrading of the water treatment ponds is estimated to take 10 hours with a D-9 dozer.

Average push distances for the Waste Rock Area are 100 feet.

Regrading of the mine yard will be accomplished during subgrade ripping.

Rental costs obtained from Wheeler Machinery Co., Salt Lake City

				Productivity		
<u>Item</u>	Quantity (CY)		Reference	(CY/HR)	Un	it Cost
Regrade Development Rock Area	1,037		Cat Handbook	436	\$	0.78
Regrade Ponds	10	Hours			1000	17 (6)
Place Ore Back in the Shaft	1,177		Cat Handbook	118.5	\$	1.65

Task 11: Gamma Scan

Assumptions

Perform Gamma scan on 50 ft center grid.

Place elevated gamma count material back in the shaft.

Each crew member has a cost of \$72/hr.

Assumed 8-hour work days.

<u>Item</u>	Quantity	Units	Reference	U	nit Cost
Gamma Scan		4 Days	Estimate	\$	576.00

Task 12: Site Revegetation

Assumptions

Subsoil ripping to 12-inches over 25.6 acres of roads and pads will be accomplished with a D-9 Dozer or similar.

Rental costs obtained from Wheeler Machinery Co., Salt Lake City

Assumed 6-inches of topsoil placement over 25.6 acres

Stockpiled topsoil will be placed with a 966 loader and spread with a D-9 Dozer.

Topsoil placement productivity is based on a 1000-foot haul and estimated cycle time.

Topsoil spreading productivity is based on a 100-foot push.

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<u>Item</u>	Quantity	Reference	(CY/HR)	Ur	nit Cost
Subsoil Ripping BCY	41,301	Cat Handbook	436	5 \$	0.78
Topsoil placement and spreading LCY	20,651	Cat Handbook	104	1 \$	2.32
Seeding (Thousand SQ. FT)	1,115	32921 914 0500		\$	29.50

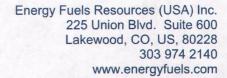
Demolition of Structures	Means Costworks 2012 Reference Number	Unit Cost		Quantity	ဝိ								
Removal of Equipment and Materials	Estimate	009 \$		8	\$ 4,800								
Demolition of Concrete Pads	02 41 13 17 5300	\$ 19.80		. 1,108	\$ 21,943								
Demolition of Buildings	13 05 05 50 0550	\$ 6.61		9,974	\$ 65,928	4							
Remove Tanks	13 05 05 75 0530	\$ 1,575	5 EA	4	\$ 6,300								
Remove Septic System	02 41 13 44 0300	\$ 1,213		1	\$ 1,213		-						
Septic System Excavation	31 23 16 42 0305	\$ 1.56	CY CY	55	\$ 86	N							
Remove Pond Liner	Estimate	\$ 576		8	\$ 4,608								
Dismantle Head Frame	Estimate	\$ 4,728.00	DAY	10	\$ 47,280								
Seal Production Shafts	Estimate	\$ 10,698.52	EA EA		\$ 10,699								
Seal Vent Shaft	Estimate	\$ 500.00			\$ 200								
Gamma Scan	Estimate	\$ 576.00	DAY	4	\$ 2,304								
Abandon Monitor Wells	Estimate	\$ 2,604.68	3 Lump Sum	-	\$ 2,605								
Subtotal					\$ 168,264								
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Regrading	Equipment Used	Hourly Rental Cost	Hourly Operating Cost	Hourly Operator Wage	Total Equip and Op Cost	Quantity	Units	Production Rate	Units	Refe	Reference Number	Cost	
Regrade the Waste Rock Area	D-9	\$ 199	S	8	\$ 338	41,956	CY	435.8	CY/hr	Ca	Cat Handbook	\$ 32,568	
Regrade Ponds	D-9	\$ 199	89 88	\$ 72	\$ 338	10	CY	778	CY/hr	Ca	Cat Handbook	\$ 3,383	
Place Ore Back in the Shaft	966 loader	\$ 76	\$ 48	\$ 72	\$ 195	1,177	CY	119	CY/hr	Ca	Cat Handbook	\$ 1,939	
Subtotal			-									\$ 37,890	
Revegetation	Equipment Used	Hourly Rental Cost	Hourly Operating Cost	Hourly Operator Wage	Total Equip and Op Cost	Material Cost	Quantity	Units	Production Rate	Units	Reference Number	er	
Subgrade Ripping	D-9	\$ 199	3 \$ 68	\$ 72	\$ 338		41,301	ζ	436	CY/hr	Cat Handbook		8
Stage Topsoil In Placement Area	966 Loader	\$ 76	76 \$ 48	48 \$ 72	\$ 195		20,651	CY	104	CY/hr	Cat Handbook		8
Spread Topsoil	6-Q	\$ 199	89 \$ 68	\$ 72	\$ 338		20,651	CY	822	CY/hr	Cat Handbook		8
Seeding						\$ 29.50	1,115	MSF			32921 914 0500	0	₩
Subtotal													63
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* Hourly rates include overhead and profit
CY - cubic yard
Ir - hour
Loader Rental Cost
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Dozer (D-4) Rental Cost
D-9 Fuel Cost Per Hour
Maintenance Cost Per Hour
Maintenance Cost Per Hour
Maintenance Cost Per Hour

\$319,016

Total

Cost \$ 32,060 \$ 38,928 \$ 8,977 \$ \$ 32,897 \$ \$ 112,862





MEMORANDUM

To: File cc:

From: Ryan Ellis

Date: 11/20/15

RE: Energy Queen Reclamation Cost Estimate

Equipment Rental Costs

I obtained the current rental rates for the major equipment planned to be used for final reclamation of the Energy Queen Mine from the Wheeler Machinery Co. out of Salt Lake City (801-974-0511). The equipment will be rented on a monthly basis and will be returned individually as the reclamation is completed and not as a group. For example, the haul trucks will only be used for a short period of time in comparison to the D-9 dozer, which will be on site for the duration of reclamation activities. Fuel consumption was also obtained from Wheeler for each piece of equipment but is not included in the rental cost because it is included in the operating cost. The rental and operating cost is assumed to be the same for the 1.5 CY LHD as for the 966 Loader.

D-9 Dozer

Monthly Rental Base Cost:	\$	29,000
Required 15% Insurance:	\$	4,350
Total Monthly Rental Cost:	\$	33,350
Conversion to Hourly Rer	ital Co	ost
Work Days Per Month		21
Operation hours per day		8
Hourly Rental Cost	\$	199

Hourly Fuel Cost @ 2.50 per gallon = \$32.5

966 Loader

Monthly Rental Base Cost:	\$	11,100
Required 15% Insurance:	\$	1,665
Total Monthly Rental Cost:	\$	12,765
Conversion to Hourly Ren	ital Co	ost
Work Days Per Month		21
Operation hours per day		8
Hourly Rental Cost	\$	76

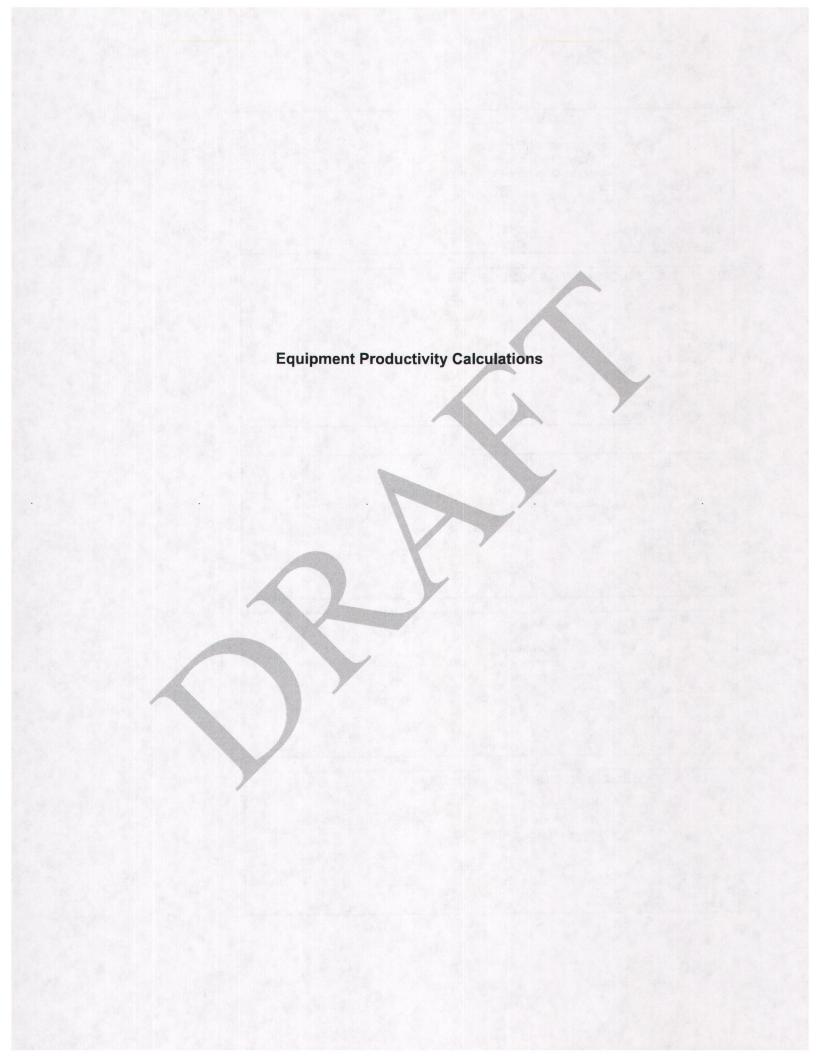
Hourly Fuel Cost @ 2.50 per gallon = \$12.50

12 Yard Haul Truck

Monthly Rental Base Cost:	\$	6,000
Conversion to Hourly Ren	ntal Co	st
Work Days Per Month		21
Operation hours per day		8
Hourly Rental Cost	\$	36

Hourly Fuel Cost @ 2.50 per gallon = \$15

Equipment will require 250-hour maintenance service as the reclamation is completed. These maintenance costs are not included in the rental cost, but are added separately. The costs and quantity of maintenance will vary depending on the piece of equipment and the hours operated.



Hours p	er Shift, HR:	8	
Work E	fficiency, %:	0.83	Assumes 50 minutes/hour
	istance, FT:	400	
Operator Correction Factor	Factor	0.75	
Bucket Capacity (C.Y)		5.00	
Cycle Time (min)		1.58	
Ideal Loader Productivity	LCY/HR	190.4	
Adjusted Loader Productivity	LCY/HR	118.5	

	er Shift, HR:	8	
Work E	fficiency, %:	0.83	Assumes 50 minutes/hour
	Distance, FT:	500	
Operator Type		Average	
Operator Correction Factor	Factor	0.75	WALLEY AND THE STATE OF THE STA
Bucket Capacity (C.Y)		5.00	
Cycle Time (min)		1.80	
Ideal Loader Productivity	LCY/HR	166.4	
Adjusted Loader Productivity	LCY/HR	103.6	

	Hour	s per Shift, HR:	8	
	Worl	k Efficiency, %:	0.83	Assumes 50 minutes/hour
		e Distance, FT:	1,000	
Operator Correction I	actor	Factor	0.75	
Bucket Capacity (C.Y)		5.00	
Cycle Time (min)			2.94	
Ideal Loader Product	vity	LCY/HR	102.1	
Adjusted Loader Prod	luctivity	LCY/HR	63.5	

LHD Productivity Determination -400)' haul		
Hours per S	hift, HR:	8	
Work Efficie	ency, %:	0.83	Assumes 50 minutes/hour
Average Dista	nce, FT:	400	
Operator Ability Correction Factor	Factor	0.75	
Bucket Capacity (C.Y)		1.50	
Cycle Time (min)		1.58	
Ideal Loader Productivity	LCY/HR	57.1	TOTAL STREET
	LCY/HR	35.6	

Dozer (D-9) Productivity Detern	nination - 50' P	ush Dista	ince
	per Shift, HR:	8	
Work	Efficiency, %:	0.66	Assumes 40 minutes/hour
Average Dozing	Distance, FT:	50	
Work Efficiency	%	66%	
Operator Correction Factor	Factor	0.75	
Ideal Dozer Productivity	LCY/HR	2,100	CAT Handbook
Adjusted Dozer Productivity	LCY/HR	1039.5	

Hours per	Shift, HR:	8	
Work Eff	iciency, %:	0.83	Assumes 50 minutes/hour
Average Dozing Dis	stance, FT:	100	
Work Efficiency	%	83%	
Operator Ability Correction Factor	Factor	0.75	
Ideal Dozer Productivity	LCY/HR	1,250	CAT Handbook
Adjusted Dozer Productivity	LCY/HR	778.1	

Hours per Shift, HR: Work Efficiency, %: Average Dozing Distance, FT:		8	Assumes 50 minutes/hour	
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Work Efficiency	%	83%		
Operator Correction Factor	Factor	0.75		
Ideal Dozer Productivity	LCY/HR	700	CAT Handbook	
Adjusted Dozer Productivity	LCY/HR	435.8		

Dozer (D-9) Productivity Determin	ation - 300'	Push Dis	stance
Hours per	Shift, HR:	8	
Work Effi	ciency, %:	0.83	Assumes 50 minutes/hour
Average Dozing Distance, FT:		300	
Work Efficiency	%	83%	
Operator Ability Correction Factor	Factor	0.75	
Ideal Dozer Productivity	LCY/HR	500	CAT Handbook
Adjusted Dozer Productivity	LCY/HR	311.3	

Hours per Shift, HR: Work Efficiency, %: Ripping Depth (FT)		8 0.83 1		
			Assumes 50 minutes/hour	
				Work Efficiency
Operator Correction Factor	Factor	0.75		
Ideal Ripping Productivity	LCY/HR	700.0	CAT Handbook	
Adjusted Ripping Productivity	LCY/HR	435.8		

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Hours per Shift, HR: Work Efficiency, %: Truck Capacity (CY)		8 0.83 12	Assumes 50 minutes/hour				
				Work Efficiency	%	83%	
				Operator Type		Average	
Operator Correction Factor	Factor	0.75					
Average Haul Distance	Feet	26,400					
Ideal Hauling Productivity	LCY/HR	36.0	Assumes 2 trips per hour				
Adjusted Hauling Productivity	LCY/HR	22.4					





December 7, 2015

Mr. Paul Baker State of Utah Department of Natural Resources Division of Oil, Gas and Mining 1594 West North Temple Suite 1210 Box 145801 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

RE: Submittal of Draft Reclamation Cost Estimates for Redd Block IV Mine (M/037/0046), Energy Queen Mine (M/037/0043) and Daneros Mine (S/037/0121)

Dear Paul:

In response to your letters dated November 3, 2015, Energy Fuels Resources (USA) Inc. (Energy Fuels) is submitting the enclosed draft reclamation cost estimates for the following mines:

- Redd Block IV Mine (M/037/0046)
- Energy Queen Mine (M/037/0043)
- Daneros Mine (S/037/0121)

As a draft submittal, these cost estimates are being sent digitally only. If you would like us to mail you printed copies please let me know to whom and how many.

Please contact Ryan Ellis or me if you or your team have questions during your review of the draft cost estimates.

Sincerely,

Andrea Reither

Senior Environmental Specialist

cc: M. Bradley, W. Western (UDOGM), S. Bakken, T. White, R. Ellis (Energy Fuels)